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In re Application of: Kwan-Ho Chan
Serial No.: 09/315,918
Filing Date: 05/20/99
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LIGAMENT
FIXATION
Group Art Unit: 3732
Examiner: E. Robert
Attorney's Docket No.: CHAN-23 CON 3

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Official Action currently outstanding with respect to the above-identified patent application.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 USC 121 to one of the following:

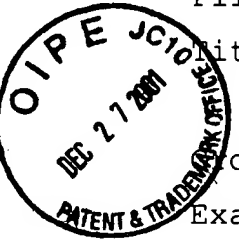
Group I - Claims 1 and 3-17, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 606, subclass 65; and

Group II - Claims 19-23 and 29-48, drawn an assembly and method, classified in class 623, subclass 13.11.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, i.e., claims 1 and 3-17, for prosecution in this application.

This election is made subject to Applicants' right to file related patent applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected Groups and claims.

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